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Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered several paragraphs of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its _____ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 102 (e) was deleted;

(b) Paragraph 103 (i) was amended to read: "Adopt and promote a holistic approach to respond to all forms of violence and abuse against girls and women of all ages, including girls and women with disabilities, as well as vulnerable and marginalized women and girls in order to address their diverse needs, including education, provision of appropriate health care and services and basic social services;"

(c) Paragraph 114 (b) was amended to read: "Encourage collaboration, where appropriate, among various levels of Governments, NGOs, grass-roots organizations, traditional and community leaders for the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and the dignity and worth of the human person and equal rights for women and men;"

(d) Paragraph 122 (b) *ter* was amended to read: "Take further effective measures to remove the obstacles to the realization of the right of peoples to self-

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determination, in particular peoples living under colonial and foreign occupation that continue to adversely affect their economic and social development;"

(e) Paragraph 125 A was placed at paragraph 135 (c);

(f) Paragraph 125 C was placed at paragraph 135 (i);

(g) Paragraph 125 D was placed at paragraph 135 (b);

(h) Paragraph 125 G was placed at paragraph 135 (a);

(i) Paragraph 125 H was placed at paragraph 135 and amended to read: "Create an enabling environment as well as design and implement policies that promote and protect the enjoyment of all human rights — civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights, including the right to development — and fundamental freedoms, as part of the efforts to achieve gender equality, development and peace;"

(j) Paragraph 125 J was placed at paragraph 135 (g);

(k) Paragraph 125 (f) was deleted;

(l) Paragraph 125 (h) was amended to read: "Develop, with the full participation of all countries, an international consensus on indicators and ways to measure violence against women and consider establishing a readily accessible database on statistics, legislation, training models, good practices, lessons learned and other resources with regard to all forms of violence against women, including women migrant workers;"

(m) Paragraph 126 (b) was amended to read: "Support Governments in their efforts to institute action-oriented programmes and measures to accelerate the full implementation of the Platform for Action, with time-bound targets and/or measurable goals and evaluation methods, including gender impact assessments, with full participation of women for measuring and analysing progress;"

(n) Paragraph 126 (c) was deleted;

(o) Paragraph 127 (d) was deleted;

(p) Paragraph 127 (g) was amended to read: "Reaffirm commitment to gender-sensitive development and support women's role in sustainable and ecologically sound consumption and production patterns and approaches to natural resource management;"

(q) Paragraph 127 (j) was deleted;

(r) Paragraph 128 (i) was amended to read: "Continue to support and strengthen national, regional and international adult literacy programmes with international cooperation in order to achieve a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women, an equitable access to basic and continuing education for all adults;"

(s) Paragraph 130 (a) was amended to read: "Increase cooperation, policy responses, effective implementation of national legislation and other protective and preventive measures aimed at the elimination of violence against women and girls, especially all forms of commercial sexual exploitation, as well as economic exploitation, including *inter alia*, trafficking in women and children, female infanticide, crimes committed in the name of honour, crimes committed in the name of passion, racially motivated crimes, abduction and sale of children, dowry-related

violence and deaths, acid attacks and harmful traditional or customary practices, such as female genital mutilation and early and forced marriages;"

(t) Paragraph 130 (d) was amended to read: "Provide support to NGOs, in collaboration with the United Nations system, *inter alia*, through regional and international cooperation, including women's organizations and community groups, in addressing all forms of violence against women and girls, including for programmes to combat race and ethnic-based violence against women and girls;"

(u) Paragraph 132 (c) was amended to read: "Promote respect for the right of women and men to the freedom of thought, conscience and religion. Recognize the central role that religion, spirituality and belief play in the lives of millions of women and men;"

(v) Paragraph 133 (a) was amended to read: "Promote comprehensive human rights education programmes, *inter alia*, in cooperation, where appropriate, with education and human rights institutions, the relevant actors of civil society, in particular NGOs and the media networks, to ensure widespread dissemination of information on human rights instruments, in particular those on the human rights of women and girls;"

(w) Paragraph 134 (a) was amended to read: "Cooperate and work with private sector partners and media networks at the national and international levels to promote equal access for women and men as producers and consumers, particularly in the area of information and communications technologies, including through encouraging the media and the information industry, consistent with freedom of expression, to adopt or develop further codes of conduct, professional guidelines and other self-regulatory guidelines to remove gender stereotypes and promote balanced portrayals of women and men;"

(x) Paragraph 134 (h) was amended to read: "Capitalize on the new information technologies, including the Internet, to improve the global sharing of information, research, strengths, lessons learned from women's experiences, including "Herstories" related to achieving gender equality, development and peace, and study other roles that these technologies can play towards that goal;" (Note: footnote to be included.)

(y) Paragraph 125 G was placed at paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read: "Take effective measures to address the challenges of globalization, including through: the enhanced and effective participation of developing countries in the international economic policy decision-making process in order to, *inter alia*, guarantee the equal participation of women, in particular those from developing countries, in the process of macroeconomic decision-making;"

(z) Paragraph 125 D was placed at paragraph 135 (b) and amended to read: "Take measures, with the full and effective participation of women, to ensure new approaches to international development cooperation based on stability, growth and equity with the enhanced and effective participation and the integration of developing countries in the globalizing world economy, geared towards poverty eradication and the reduction of gender-based inequality within the overall framework of achieving people-centred sustainable development;"

(aa) Paragraph 125 A was placed at paragraph 135 (c) and amended to read: "Design and strengthen poverty eradication strategies with the full and effective

participation of women, that reduce the feminization of poverty and enhance the capacity of women and empower them to meet the negative economic and social impacts of globalization;"

(bb) Paragraph 135 (d) was amended to read: "Intensify efforts to implement poverty eradication programmes and evaluate, with the participation of women, the extent to which these programmes have an impact on the empowerment of women living in poverty, in terms of access to quality training and education as well as health care, employment, basic social services, inheritance, and access to and control over land, housing, income, micro-credit and other financial instruments and services, and introduce improvements to such programmes in the light of the above assessment;"

(cc) Paragraph 135 (e) *bis* was placed at paragraph 135 (e) and amended to read: "Recognizing the mutually reinforcing links between gender equality and poverty eradication, elaborate and implement, where appropriate, in consultation with civil society, comprehensive gender sensitive poverty eradication strategies addressing social, structural and macroeconomic issues;"

(dd) Paragraph 135 (g) was placed at paragraph 135 (f) and amended to read: "Encourage the establishment, in partnership with private financial institutions, where appropriate, of 'lending windows' and other accessible financial services with simplified procedures that are specifically designed to meet the savings, credit and insurance needs of all women;"

(ee) Paragraph 125 J was placed at paragraph 135 (g) and amended to read: "Undertake comprehensive actions to provide and support quality skills training for women and girls at all levels, on the basis of strategies developed with their full and effective participation, to achieve agreed targets to eradicate poverty, in particular the feminization of poverty, through national, regional and international efforts. National efforts need to be complemented by intensified regional and international cooperation in order to tackle the risks, overcome the challenges and ensure that opportunities created by globalization benefit women, particularly in developing countries;"

(ff) Paragraph 135 (e) was placed at paragraph 135 (h) and amended to read: "Establish, with the full and effective participation of women and in consultation with civil society, particularly NGOs, in a timely manner, social development funds, where appropriate, to alleviate the negative effects on women associated with structural adjustment programmes and trade liberalization and the disproportionate burden borne by women living in poverty;"

(gg) Paragraph 125 C was placed at paragraph 135 (i) and amended to read: "Identify and implement development-oriented and durable solutions which integrate a gender perspective into the external debt and debt-servicing problems of developing countries, including least developed countries, *inter alia*, through debt relief, including the option of ODA debt cancellation, in order to help them to finance programmes and projects targeted at development, including the advancement of women;"

(hh) Paragraph 135 (f) was placed at paragraph 135 (j) and amended to read: "Support the Cologne initiative for the reduction of debt, particularly the speedy implementation of the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative, ensure the provision of adequate funds for its implementation, and the provision that

funds saved should be used to support anti-poverty programmes that address gender dimensions;"

(ii) Paragraph 135 (b) *bis* was placed at paragraph 135 (m) and amended to read: "Facilitate the transfer to developing countries and countries with economies in transition of appropriate technology, particularly new and modern technology and encourage efforts by the international community to eliminate restrictions to such transfers, as an effective means of complementing national efforts for further acceleration in achieving the goals of gender equality, development and peace;"

(jj) Paragraph 136 (a) was amended to read: "Create and strengthen an enabling environment, in accordance with national laws, to support the capacity of women's NGOs to mobilize resources to ensure the sustainability of their development activities;"

(kk) Paragraph 136 (c) was amended to read: "Encourage the establishment and strengthening of multi-stakeholder partnerships cooperation at all levels among international and intergovernmental organizations, with relevant actors of civil society including NGOs, private sector and trade unions, and women's organizations and other NGOs, communications and media systems in support of the goals of the Fourth World Conference on Women;"

(ll) Paragraph 136 (d) was amended to read: "Encourage partnerships and cooperation among Governments, international organizations, in particular international financial institutions and multilateral organizations, private sector institutions and civil society, including NGOs, especially women's and community-based organizations, to support poverty eradication initiatives focused on women and girls;"

(mm) Paragraph 138 (e) *bis* was amended to read: "Take effective and expeditious measures to mobilize international and national public opinion concerning the effects of different dimensions of the world drug problems on women and girls and ensure that appropriate resources are provided to this end".